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## CONCLUSION

After entry of the above amendments, claim 15 is pending in the subject application. Reconsideration of this application based on the amendments and remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 was objected to as being dependent upon a cancelled base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 15 has been amended to delete its dependency on claim 1 and includes the description of the pigment dispersant.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the 35 USC §112 rejection, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

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